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Parole board

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Sirs:

I beg to submit the seventh Annual Report of the Parole Board in accordance with Section 11 of the Parole Act.

Yours respectfully,

D.M. Hurley, Chairman

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June 25, 1971

There has been no change in the composition of the membership of Parole Board since the last report submitted in June, 1970. Although the Parole Act was amended, effective July 1, 1970, to provide for a five member board, no further appointments to the Board were made during the period of this report. The composition of the Parole Board, therefore, remains as follows:

Chairman and Member	-	D.M. Hurley, Fredericton
Member	-	Edouard Babin, Moncton
Member	-	Doris Ogilvie, Fredericton
Secretary	-	R. King, Fredericton

The Board has continued to operate as outlined in its Report of June 25, 1970.

During the period of April 1, 1970 to March 31, 1971 the Board received three adult applications for parole: one parole was granted, one day parole was granted, one application for parole was denied.

The small number of adult applications for parole would appear to be due to the increased use of the temporary absence

provisions of Section 37A of the Prisons and Reformatories Act, (1969 amendment).

During the period of this report, the Board considered forty-six (46) applications for juveniles in the Training School. Of that number twenty-three (23) were paroled, three (3) were deferred and twenty (20) were recommended for discharge.

This was the first year the Parole Board had jurisdiction to parole juveniles. Prior to 1970 there was, under the Training School Act, a Parole Committee with authority to grant parole to boys in the Training School. In 1970 amendments were passed to the Parole Act and the Training School Act effective July 1, 1970 which authorized the Parole Board, under the Parole Act, to parole juveniles, and abolished the Parole Committee under the Training School Act.

Another amendment to the Training School Act in 1970 repealed Section 20 which section authorized the Minister of Justice to discharge, on the recommendation of the Training School Committee, boys committed to the Training School. A further amendment was made in 1971 inserting a new Section 20 authorizing the Minister of Justice, on the recommendation of the Parole Board, to discharge boys committed to the Training School.

During the period of this report, several programs at the Training School were being conducted which, for best results, required boys to be there during the school year. As a result, there were not as many boys considered for parole as usual. It is expected there will be a greater number of boys at the Training School considered for parole and paroled during the next period of the Parole Board.

As regards boys in the Training School, experience has indicated that a good method of proceeding is to place boys on parole, where appropriate, and later, depending on the parole supervisors' reports, recommend a discharge. Such recommendations are based on continued improvement in the attitude, conduct and general rehabilitation of the boy. The Board also recommends discharge when a parolee has left the jurisdiction (New Brunswick)

and is unlikely to return to the Province as a juvenile. Similarly, the Board recommends discharge where a parolee commits an offence after becoming sixteen years old and is either placed on adult probation or sentenced to jail. The Board feels there is little merit in such a boy being supervised or incarcerated as an adult and a juvenile at the same time.

Depending on the use of Section 37A of the Prisons and Reformatories Act, granting temporary absence to adult prisoners, there may be an increase in adult paroles granted in the next report period. There will most likely be an increase in juvenile paroles.

Respectfully submitted,

D.M. Hurley, Chairman and Member
Edouard Babin, Member
Doris Ogilvie, Member